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Remarks

The undersigned again appreciates the Examiner's taking the time to discuss this case, specifically the issues raised in the Advisory Action of March 24, 2006, concerning the application of case law cited in the response filed February 21, 2006. Although the undersigned opines the present application is allowable based on the response filed February 21, 2006, it has been determined that the amendments made herein should, hopefully, result in a Notice of Allowance being issued in a more expedited fashion.

The Advisory Action of December 28, 2005, contends that the reference submitted to distinguish coatings from adhesives was not commensurate in scope with the claims because the claims did not recite performance properties of coatings. Independent claims 1, 11 and 16 are amended herein to recite a process of forming an abrasive resistant and stain resistant coating. These properties of the coating formed by the claimed process can be found in the specification, e.g., pages 19-20. They are examples of performance properties peculiar to coatings, as opposed to adhesives, which are referred to in the *Coatings Technology Handbook*, 2ND Ed., D. Satas and A. A. Tracton, 2001, p. 396 (copy previously submitted).

Although the undersigned respectfully disagrees that it is necessary to recite the coating's properties, it is hoped that the recitation of such properties will more clearly distinguish the claimed process of forming a coating from Karim's process of forming an adhesive. The rejection based on Karim is, thus, traversed, and it is submitted that any prima facie case of obviousness based on Karim is overcome.

The allowability of claims 10 and 15 in independent form is again gratefully acknowledged. However, these claims should be allowable in dependent form for the reasons the other claims should overcome rejection based on Karim.

Withdrawn claims 1-5 are cancelled, without prejudice, herein.

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For the sake of brevity, any statements in the Office Action not specifically discussed herein are not agreed to thereby.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if there are any outstanding issues in this case.

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